

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2026-16:

HONORING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of February is nationally recognized as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, aimed at fostering public awareness regarding the significance of CTE classes and acknowledging the accomplishments and contributions of these educational programs; and

WHEREAS, students within The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District are afforded the opportunity to engage in a diverse array of CTE classes, including Agriculture, Architecture and Construction, Arts A/V, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Education, Engineering, Health Science, Hospitality, and Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, the spectrum of CTE education spans various modalities, encompassing traditional classroom learning, certification programs, and hands-on work-based learning experiences outside of the classroom settings; and

WHEREAS, students participating in CTE programs benefit from authentic, meaningful experiences that enhance the quality of their education, elevate their levels of engagement, and contribute to heightened academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, data indicate that students in the state of Alaska who pursue a minimum of two classes within CTE pathways have a graduation rate of 97 percent; and

WHEREAS, CTE equips students with a blend of academic, technical, and employability skills essential for genuine career readiness; and

WHEREAS, CTE facilitates early career exploration, enabling students to make well-informed decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook forecast that many of the fastest-growing jobs through 2033 will be in CTE fields; and


WHEREAS, leaders in business and industry in Alaska acknowledge the escalating challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with opportunities in critical and burgeoning CTE-related fields; and

WHEREAS, CTE programs play a pivotal role in preparing students for rewarding careers by providing integrated programs of study that bridge secondary and postsecondary education, leading to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of CTE programs ensures a qualified and dynamic workforce, contributing to the strength and competitiveness of both Alaska and the Fairbanks North Star Borough economies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Board of Education hereby adopts this resolution, officially designating February as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. During this month and throughout the year, the Board encourages our schools and community to celebrate the unwavering commitment to excellence in Career and Technical Education of our district's CTE students and educators and the positive impact their efforts have on workforce development and economic growth within the Fairbanks North Star Borough and across Alaska.

Passed and Approved: January 20, 2026


Bobby Burgess, President
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ATTEST:


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